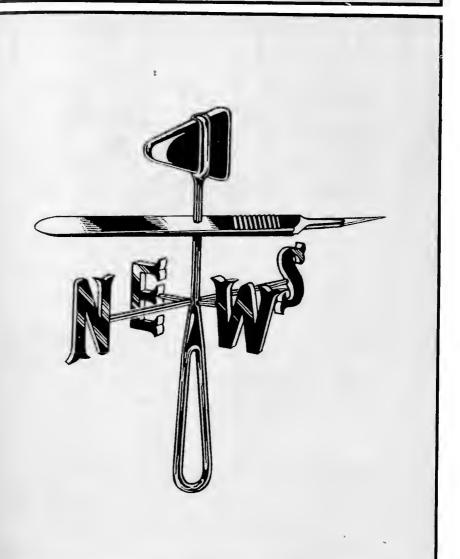
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From the Desk of the President



SPRING RAMBLINGS

Spring appears to be upon us; already flowers are blooming and our natural world is once again ready for rebirth. I smile wistfully at the sequence as it repeats its age old pattern of birth, growth, decline, repose and rebirth once again.

My daughter Mollie had to write a term paper on Evolution. I found myself, at first, peering over her shoulder, then surreptitiously scanning some of her resource material and finally, in a Melnickian way, avidly pursuing the many interesting avenues of the subject in the books stacked about her desk.

The half-human form of Ramapithecus, the erect forms of Homo habilis, Homo neanderthalensis peered inquisitively out at me from the recesses of my mind, and I must say I enjoyed immensely the spirit of our encounters. I flirted with the assertion that man's DNA is shared to the extent of 99% with the Chimp and Gorilla - - a sheerly delightful musing to those predisposed to pomposity.

Most sources indicate man has been with us more or less in his present form for some 31/2 millions years, lustily watching the arrival of spring, rejoicing as the days lengthen into balmy summer, feeling the crisp bite of fall, then tasting the icy solitude of winter. He - Man · reveled in the splendor of sunrise, the magnificence of sunset. He enjoyed the warmth of a well-embered camp-fire under a star-studded heaven. Beauty was known; mirth was enjoyed; pain was endured; love was experienced. The course of 31/2 million years is virtually incomprehensible to most, and the time that any one of us spends here seems pitifully inconsequential. One hundred years from now, we all will have played out our role in nature's grand plan and our lives will have ceased. We will live on only in the memories of our families and loved ones. Our lives, set against the backdrop of hundreds of thousands of centuries of humanity, seem to be so many grains of sand, yet each of us is unique as an individual like no other before or ever to be again.

In our lives it would be nice to put the joy and anguish we experience in proper perspective. The happiness and love we find should be enjoyed to the fullest, the tribulations and despair endured because they are only a moment in history and soon will pass. Live each day for what enrichment it may bring, for today is tomorrow's yesterday and will never come again.



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Editorial

A CALL TO ARMS

A new AMA section for hospital medical staffs will provide a means for concerted discussion and action on difficult problems in the future.

An implemented section will permit each medical staff to send an AMA member of the staff to these AMA section meetings. County and state societies are urged to cooperate with staffs toward this end.

Many county societies have lost some of their impact on medicine's directions as physicians became more involved in hospital and specialty society activities. A fragmentation of interests has divided organized medicine's century-long efforts to improve medical care, while attempting to prevent implementation of concepts which lead to confusion and runaway costs.

A strong voice by all of medicine's representatives should influence dissident groups — in allied health, trustee boards, administrations, politicians, labor leaders, third-party payers — all of whom want good care at reasonable costs. Hopefully, this new mechanism could help to focus the many viewpoints on the really cogent issues, efficiently and effectively.

For too long most of us physicians have been preoccupied with patient care and negligent about becoming involved in the changes which affect care and practice. Some of these are good; some have no appreciable effect; some are detrimental.

Why were rotating internships abolished? Why are students given much freedom in choosing senior year electives? Is there an understanding of government monitoring, reimbursement policies and other changes affecting private and hospital practices?

Efforts of individuals usually are impactless — voices in a void. By concerted efforts, however, cooperative mandates can evolve from positions of informed strength.

Physicians who do not participate in providing sound direction are doing a disservice to their patients, to their families and to their communities.

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SUMMARY OF ANTITRUST DECREE

On January 22, 1982, Federal Judge Thomas D. Lambros in Cleveland adopted a Consent Order agreed to by the State of Ohio, the Mahoning County Medical Society (the "Medical Society") and other medical defendants in the case entitled State of Ohio ex rel. Attorney General vs. Mahoning County Medical Society, Case No. C76-168Y (U.S. District Court, N.D. Ohio).

The Consent Order relates to Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO's) and Prepaid Plans, that is, plans which are designed to provide health care services by arrangements with a limited number of doctors or

The Order protects the rights of physicians and the public to choose HMO's and Prepaid Plans if they so desire, and also protects the rights of physicians and the Medical Society itself to express their views, both pro and con, relative to HMO's and Prepaid Plans. It prohibits, however, physicians and the Medical Society from trying to stop, delay or hinder the development or operation of HMO's and Prepaid Plans. Individual doctors and the Medical Society arc entitled to express and act in accordance with their own opinions about HMO's and Prepaid Plans, so long as they respect the

right of others to do the same.

Specifically, the Consent Order permits each doctor individually to decide whether or not he or she will affiliate with an HMO or Prepaid Plan. At the same time, the Order prohibits two or more doctors from agreeing with each other that they will not affiliate with an HMO or Prepaid Plan. Thus, for example, it is perfectly legal for an individual physician to decide that he will not work for an HMO, for whatever reason. It would, however, be illegal - - and a violation of the Consent Order - - for an individual physician to agree with one or more other physicians not to work for an HMO. In short, individual decisions are permitted, while collective decisions or agreements are not.

Similarly, the Order prohibits collective efforts by physicians or the Medical Society to prevent or interfere with the development or operation of HMO's or Prepaid Plans by, for example, attempting to prevent or otherwise interfere with efforts by physicians, customers, suppliers, or others to

deal with HMO's or Prepaid Plans.

It is the fundamental intent of the Consent Order to reflect the basic free market principle that physicians, hospitals, and the public are free to select any lawful method available of organizing and paying for hospital

and medical services.

The Mahoning County Medical Society does not oppose competition between Prepaid Plans and the fee-for-service method of health carc delivery, and members of the Medical Society are free to support, assist, or contract with such plans as they individually see fit, without fear or sanctions, formal or otherwise, from the Medical Society, although they are not required to do so.

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The third Annual Cancer Symposium at YHA will be held April 23, 1983 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., to be followed by a tour of the Radiation Therapy Department at the South Unit where the new Clinac-20 is housed.

Walter Rider, M.B., Director of Radiation Oncology at Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto, will join a YHA faculty covering the topic "Color-

ectal Cancer."

The meetings will be held in Hitchcock Auditorium. A \$15.00 fee is being charged. Four hours of CME credit is available.

APPOINTMENTS AT NEOUCOM

The Board of Trustees of NEOUCOM has approved the award of faculty

rank to the following persons:

Internal Medicine - Alfred G. Neptune, M.D.; Obstetrics/Gynecology -Raymond S. Lupse, M.D.; Orthopedics - John Brucoli, M.D.; Psychiatry - Anil C. Nalluri, M.D.; Surgery - Fung-Chen Lin, M.D.

CME AT ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL

April 15, ENDOCRINOLOGY "Obesity and Diabetes", Dean H. Lockwood, M.D., professor of Medicine and head of Endocrin-Metabolism Unit, University of Rochester Medical Center.

April 22, CARDIOVASCULAR — to be announced. April 29, INFECTIOUS DISEASE — to be announced.

May 6, UROLOGY/RENAL "Renal Prostaglandins and Kidney Functions", Patrick J. Mulrow, M.D., Chairman of Department of Medicine, Medical College of Toledo.

May 13, PEDIATRIC UROLOGY — title to be announced — Robert Kay, M.D., Head of Section of Pediatric Urology, Cleveland Clinic Founda-

May 20, NUTRITION "The Usc of Fat in Parenteral Nutrition," speaker to

be announced.

May 27, MEDICAL ETHICS "Free and Informed Consent", H. Tristam Englehardt, M.D., Ph.D. Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown Uni-

June 3, INFECTIOUS DISEASE "Clostridial and Other Necrotizing Soft Tissue Infections", Thomas M. File, Jr., M.D., Chief of Infectious Disease

Service, Akron General Hospital.

June 10, HYPNOSIS "Hypnosis, Its Value In Relieving Suffering and Pain, as well as in Controlling Behavioral Excesses", Dabney Ewin, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Tulanc University.

IGNORANCE OF IGNORANCE

I would rather consult a doctor who knew a little less and knew how little he knew than on one who knew a great deal and thought he knew more. Ignorance per sc is not nearly as dangerous as ignorance of ignorance, which is why the Delphic oracle told the wisest Greek that he alone recognized how little he knew, which placed him above the others. (Sidney Harris in Pieces of Eight)

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

In the committee listings in the February Bulletin, Dr. R. M. Kiskaddon should be listed as chairman of the Grievance Committee. The chairmanship of this important committee is filled on a progressive basis and Dr. Kiskaddon has progressed to the chairman's post.

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A big Post-Graduate Day that month with James Ewing, Burton Lee, Lloyd Craver and Benjamin Barringer here from Memorial Hospital in New York. The Speaker's Bureau supplied 47 speakers for clubs, associations and service groups.

Medical Economics called our Bulletin "A lively and colorful publica-

tion". Lou Deitchman was very proud.

From an article by M. P. Jones: "There is evidence that the National Economic Health is slowly returning. When recovery is an assured fact, the American Physician will have written his name indelibly into the records of its accomplishment by his loyal, unselfish and high-minded spirit of service to his patients, his community and his country."

FORTY YEARS AGO — APRIL 1943

There was left in Mahoning County, one physician for each 1500 people. The armed forces were asking for seventeen more doctors for the 1943 quota. More news from doctors in military service: Luke Reed wrote from Muroc, California, where he was Chief of Medicine at the Station Hospital out in the desert 110 miles from Los Angelcs. Asher Randell was at the Portage Ordnance Depot, part of the Ravenna Arsenal. Brack Bowman received his Major's commission and left to report to Carlisle Barracks, Clifford was stationed at the operating base for the South Atlantic Fleet near Racife, Brazil, with a modern hospital and he the only surgeon on the base. Kupec had been transferred to Peterson Field at Colorado Springs, very uncomfortable from the sand storms. Renner had been sent to sea on a seaplane tender which he reported was very good duty. Conti was at the Naval Hospital in Norfolk, Va., a fine old hospital in beautiful surroundings. Ivan Smith was in charge of Physiotherapy at Camp Campbell, Kentucky. Marinelli was in New Orleans eating regularly at Antoine's. Weller was at Camp Wallace near Galveston, Texas, and Wales was at Camp Howze, Texas. Hathhorn was at Camp Adair at Corvellis, Oregon, with his family. Joe Colla was at Walter Reed in Washington doing physical exams on WAAC'. Nice work if you can get it.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — APRIL 1953

A leading article by M. M. Szucs and T. K. Golden on Arthritis described the use of Hydrocortone, irradiated cord plasma, gold, albumin and ethyl chloride spray. The technique of joint injections with hydrocortone was

described. A total of 560 cases was reported with excellent results.

John McCann was elected President of the American Federation of State Board Examiners. George L. Altman became associated with Saul Tamarkin and Raymond Scheetz in Radiology at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Louis Bloomberg returned from military service and resumed the practice of Ophthalmology. Sidney Franklin passed his state Bar Examinations and was admitted to the practice of law. Edward Shorten and Patrick Cestone were certified as Diplomates of the American Board of Surgery. Paul E. Ruth and J. J. Finley became members of the Society.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — APRIL 1963

O.M.I. (Blue Shield) was preparing to change from a fixed fee system

to payment of reasonable and customary fees.

The death was reported of three of our good members: Samuel S. Badal, Albert J. Brandt and John F. Dulick. Drs. Badal and Dulick were family doctors. Al Brandt was a leading Gynecologist and Obstetrician. They were all fine men and they have been missed.

An original article on Diabetes and Pregnancy was written by William J. Cleary, Jr. and Simon Chiasson. It presented the effects of Diabetes on the mother and fetus and stressed the management of the pregnancy and the delivery of the child.

Dr. A. DiDomenico was appointed Health Director for Struthers. New

members were Wilfred B. Dodgson and Richard B. Rohrer.

TEN YEARS AGO — APRIL 1973

President Pichette and Editor Bill Moskalik were still trying to get full information out about the PSRO plan, and whether our Society should accept or reject the concept. President Pichette revealed the results of a survey on Health Care which indicated that, while 76% of the respondents thought there was a "Health Care Crisis" at that time, only 38% thought the health care cost too much; 10% thought that the quality of their health care was poor. Only 18% thought there ought to be a National Health Plan, while 42% were in favor of keeping the system the way it is.

Along those same lines, there was evidence that a Health Maintenance Organization was being formed in the area with Mr. Jerry Night as its Executive Secretary. Many physicians had been contacted in regard to joining the

HMO.

Two more deaths were recorded that month . . . Dr. C. C. Chen, popular Anesthesiologist at St. Elizabeth Hospital died suddenly after a four-day illness. He was 48 years old. He left a wife and three children. Also Dr. David Shapira, a specialist in Neurology and Psychiatry passed away at the age of 75. He was formerly on the staff of Woodside Hospital before opening an office for the private practice of Psychiatry. He was survived by his wife, Dr. Elsa Shapira.

New active members that month were Daniel G. Corredor, M.D., Joseph S. Gregori, M.D., Hyon S. Hwang, M.D., Ernest Perry, M.D. and George L. River, M.D.

New Associate members were: Lorenzo M. Farolan, M.D., Reese E. James, M.D., Nora R. Natividad, M.D., and Josef R. Smith, M.D.

Robert L. Fisher, M.D.

___ In Memoriam

BRACK M. BOWMAN, M.D. 1899 - 1983

Dr. Brack M. Bowman, 83, of 1853 Fifth Avenue, died March 12 in Park Vista Presbyterian Home, after suffering a stroke two months before.

Dr. Bowman was born in Endee, Kentucky and received his undergraduate degree from Berea College of Berea, Ky. He was graduated from the University of Cincinnati Medical College in 1928.

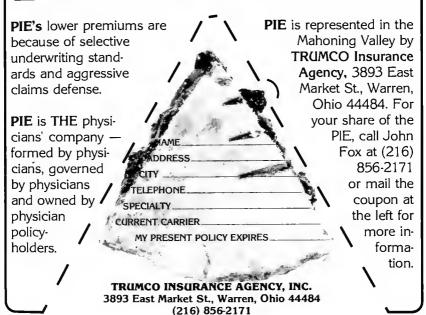
He interned at Christ Hospital, Cincinnati, and San Diego County Hospital in San Diego, California, and later became a resident in urology at Presbyterian Hospital at Columbia University. He was resident urologist at J. Bentley Squier Urological Clinic at Columbia. For several years, he headed the urology department for Youngstown Hospital Association.

Dr. Bowman was a 50 year award recipient from OSMA, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the American Board of Urologists and a Fellow of the International College of Surgeons. A 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, he was a member of Al Koran Shrine, the Youngstown Country Club, Presidents Club of Berea College and First Presbyterian Church. He served as a Lt. Colonel in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

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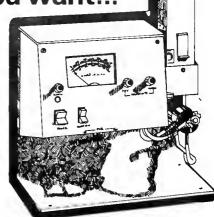
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	Gynecology, General	5,065	2,050	5,980	3,770	2,635
	OBGYN, Plastic	6,082	2,446	7,176	4,524	3,172
	Thoracic, Orthopedic, Cardiovascular	8,059	3,106	9,568	6,032	4,435
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